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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please attached document detailing my position on the Microsoft settlement.

Thank-you,

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January 22, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this time and give you my thoughts on the Microsoft Anti Trust case. I feel that this case has gone on far too long without making any real progress. Whether or not Microsoft was responsible for any wrongdoing, the proposed settlement will certainly restore fair competition to the computer industry.

I work daily with Microsoft products as a Computer Analyst. Their products and systems integration have my job a great deal easier. They've contributed so much to our economy and have changed the technology industry forever. The settlement calls for Microsoft to share a lot of their interface design and server protocol with their competitors. Additionally, OEM's will be allowed to pre-install competing products within Windows. If there are any problems, there is a Technical Oversight Committee to deal with any future violations or problems.

The proposed settlement is a fair solution to the problematic Anti-Trust case. Our country needs to concentrate their efforts on other issues and ending this lawsuit is certainly a good way to do that. Please accept the settlement and allow our country to flourish again.

Sincerely,

Patrick Shaner

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